12.17 hrs.

MOTION UNDER RULE 388

Suspension of Rule 331 (1)

[English]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (PANSKURA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for permitting me to move the motion. I beg the indulgence of the House to explain in two minutes why I have tabled the motion and why I want your support. Day after tomorrow, the 8th March is the International Women's Day. But unfortunately that day being a holiday, our House will not be in Session. This report which has been laid here deals with the setting up of a Committee which is supposed to exhaustively deal with all measures taken for the walfare and the dignity of women by the Union Government. Therefore, I want that this Report of the Rules Committee be adopted by the House today itself as a present of the House to the women on the occasion of International Women's Day.

With this introduction, I beg to move:-

"That this House do suspend part of Rule 331 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha in so far as it provides for laying of the recommendations of the Rules Committee on the Table of the House for a period of seven days, to enable members to give notice of amendments to such recommendations together with consequential provisions to this extent in Rule 331 (2) and (3) in their application to the laying of the Second Report of the Rules Committee."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That this House do suspend part of Rule 331 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha in so far as it provides for laying of the recommendations of the Rules Committee on the Table of the House for a period of seven days, to enable members to give notice of amendments to such recommendations together with consequential provisions to this extent in Rule 331 (2) and (3) in their application to the laying of the Second Report of the Rules Committee."

The motion was adopted.

Motion RE: Second Report of the Rules Committee

12.20 hrs.

[English]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (PANSKURA): I beg to move:

"The this House do agree with the Second Report of the Rules Committee laid on the Table on 6 March, 1997."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That this House do agree with the Second Report of the Rules Committee laid on the Table on 6 March, 1997."

The motion was adopted.

[English]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (PANSKURA): I thank the House. I thank you for this very important present to us, the women, on the occasion of International Women's Day.

SHRI A.C. JOS (IDUKKI): Sir, kindly permit us to make a submission. Two of our MLAs are under arrest.

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you after the Submission is over.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you. I have already told you.

12.21 hrs.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 10th March, 1997 will consist of:-

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.
2. Discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking disapproval of the National Environment Appellate Authority Ordinance, 1997 and consideration and passing of the National Environment Appellate Authority Bill, 1997.
3. General Discussion on General Budget for 1997-98.
4. Discussion and Voting on:-

(a) Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 1997-98.

(b) Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 1996-97.

(c) Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 1994-95.

5. General Discussion on Uttar Pradesh Budget for 1997-98
6. Discussion and Voting on:-

(a) Demands for Grants on Account (Uttar Pradesh) for 1997-98.

(b) Supplementary Demands for Grants (Uttar Pradesh) for 1996-97.

7. Discussion on the Statutory Resolutions seeking disapproval of the following Ordinances and consideration and passing of the Bills replacing these Ordinances:-

(a) The Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 1997.

(b) The Reserve Bank of India (Amendment) Ordinance, 1997. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (DUMDUM): Sir, you have upheld that Motion moved by Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee. But you are not announcing the date.

MR. SPEAKER: It will be taken up next week. Today is the last day of this week.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: This should be part of next week's Business. The Point is that this Motion has been admitted. The Bill for Women Representation should be taken up next week.

MR. SPEAKER: It will be taken up next week. The Business Advisory Committee will decide about it.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: As I told you earlier, this should be part of the next week's Business...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (SILCHAR): It should not be on either Monday or Tuesday because our Members will came back from *Mahashivratri* after that.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Will *Shivratri* extend for three days?

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: You may not have belief in God...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Will you celebrate it for three days?..*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It is not taken up on Monday.

[Translation]

SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ (SOUTH DELHI): This session of Parliament will be over on 21st March. No time has been allocated for Women Reservation Bill in this session.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: It is coming up in the Business Advisory Committee Meeting. It will be decided in the next Business Advisory Committee Meeting.

[Translation]

SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ: No time has been allocated for Women Reservation Bill.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I have promised that it will be decided in the Business Advisory Committee Meeting.

[Translation]

SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ: When this Bill would be introduced.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I have promised that it will be placed before the Business Advisory Committee. I am sure, the Government will agree to that.

Now Submissions for the next week's business.

SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN (BARPETA): Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda:-

1. To make necessary measures to control flood and erosion of river Brahmaputra and its tributaries as well as to utilize the water resources in Assam for power generation and irrigation.

2. Measures for improvement of inland water transport facilities along river Brahmaputra through Bangladesh.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda:-

1. India's firm rights over entire Jammu and Kashmir.

2. Serious situation developing in various parts of the country by ruling parties using police to ransack Offices of Adversary Political Parties.

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT (AJMER): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda:

1. To set up a high-power H.P.T. T.V. relay centre at Taragarh hill in the internationally renowned city of Ajmer in Rajasthan which has already been cleared by the Government and assured in by the Parliament.

2. To set-up the headquarters of newly created railway zone in Rajasthan in the city of Ajmer in view of the adequate resources available there.

SH. K.D. SULTANPURI (SHIMLA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda:

1. To nominate women candidates in every cantonment board in Himachal Pradesh till an amendment is made in law in this respect and to enact a law therefor.

2. To declare the tribal belt of Giripar, District-Sirmore and Radu and Choupal in Himachal Pradesh as tribal areas so that people living there can get the benefits available to the tribal people in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh, as they have got the same culture.

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA (UDHAMPUR): Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda:

1. An Ex-gratia grant of Rs. one lakh to each of the families affected by terrorism in district Doda and immediate employment to at least, one member of these families;

2. To solve the drinking water problem in Katra and Vaishno Devi Shrine which is visited by 50 lakh pilgrims every year.

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH (VIDISHA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda:

1. To discuss the need to check the increasing naxalite activities in Baster, Balaghat and Rajnandgaon districts of Madhya Pradesh.

2. Discussion on the increasing power crisis in the ocuntry, particularly in Madhya Pradesh.

[*English*]

SHRI HARADHAN ROY (ASANSOL): Sir, the following items may be included in the next weeks' agenda:-

1. To discuss the need to expedite the process for modernisation and expansion of IISCO's Burnpur Works.

2. To discuss the need for revival of Cycle Corporation of India, MAMC, Bharat Opthamic Glass Ltd. (BOGL), Jeshoph, Burn Standard Company Ltd.

[Translation]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA (JAIPUR): Mr. Speaker sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda:-

1. to resume the mining in 350 mines located in the nearby areas of Jaipur which has rendered thousands of SC/ST people jobless.

2. Immediate abrogation of article 45(s) of Reserve Bank of India as the same is creating trade obstacles for traders.

[English]

SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI (KATWA): Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda:

1. To discuss the need to promote Indian system of medicine, viz. Homoeopathy, Unani, Ayurvedic and Siddha in Indian Railway and provide these doctors with the modern system of medicine and all benefits and facilities.

2. To discuss the need to celebrate birth centenary of great poet Nazrul Islam and extend financial help to the Nazrul Academy at Kabitirtha Churulia.

[Translation]

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH (AURANGABAD): Sir, the following item may be included in the next week's agenda:

To discuss the demand for including the coal based Thermal Power Project, Nabinagar in the ninth Five Year Plan for solving the power problem in Bihar.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN *Alias* PAPPU YADAV (PURNIA): Mr, Speaker, Sir Thank you very much for having paid attention towards Bihar and for giving me a chance to speak. One week ago I had given certain information to the House in respect of jute and sugracane in Bihar wherein I had highlighted two important things.

The constituency which I represent is the largest jute growing area in north Bihar bordering Nepal and Bengal the area from western Champaran to Vitarwa in North Bihar adjoining the border of Nepal is the largest sugarcane growing area. I have to make two main points in respect of sugarcane and jute in Bihar.

Few days ago during his visit to Kishanganj the hon'ble Prime Minister had made an announcement in respect of a package for jute crop. He had said that he would announce the minimum supporting price for jute within one week. I had told him at the Purnia airport that prices of Jute vary between Rs. 600, Rs. 650 and Rs. 700 per quintal. The administered price of jute by the Government is Rs. 700 but J.C.I. is not procuring jute at the same price since JCI is lying closed, it is directly being purchased by the traders. If J.C.I. starts its buy back then it would provide great relief to the farmers. Last year the dame jute was purchased at the rate of Rs. 1700 per quintal but this year its prices has come down to Rs. 700 per quintal.

MR. SPEAKER: Please, conclude now.

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN *Alias* PAPPU YADAV: I will conclude very soon. I want that the supporting price of jute should be declared at least Rs. 1600 per quintal for last year it was sold Rs. 1700 per quintal. My another point is in respect of sugarcane. In my neighbouring State, Uttar Pradesh, the price of sugarcane is Rs. 73 per quintal. Against this, an agitation was launched in Reega Sugar mill in Sitamarhi, and in Madhubani and Betia. But the farmers in Bihar are getting only Rs. 53 to 58 per quintal. That, too has not been paid to the farmers for the last four years. The casual labourers are not getting their daily wages. I have demanded many a time and told that the States of Haryana, Maharashtra are giving Rs. 80 and Rs. 100 per quintal respectively and our neighbouring State is giving Rs. 73 per quintal but the Government has so far, paid no attention towards this demand. Every body in this House wants the development of Bihar and we all are concerned about the farmers of Bihar then why no attention is being paid towards the farmers and workers of Bihar. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I through you, want to draw the attention of the Government towards this issue. These all matters pertain to Bihar. Nobody has taken them seriously. I personally request you to look into it.